

Department of Permits and Development Management  
111 West Chesapeake Avenue  
Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 75685

Patrick Hanshew  
Teresa Hanshew

206 Riverthorn Road

Respondents

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW  
FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Baltimore County Code Enforcement Hearing Officer on May 19, 2010, for a Hearing on a citation for violations of the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-4-201 (d); 13-7-310 (a), failure to store all garbage in cans with tight fitting lids, failure to remove all junk, trash and debris from rear porch on residential property known as 206 Riverthorn Road, 21220.

On May 3, 2010, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Ryan Fisher issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars).

The Respondent failed to request a Code Enforcement Hearing and/or failed to appear after requesting a Hearing. Baltimore County Code, § 3-6-205(d) provides that in case of failure to request a Code Enforcement Hearing or if the violator (Respondent) fails to appear after requesting a Hearing then the citation and the civil penalty, shall be the Final Order of the Code Official not subject to appeal.

After proper consideration of all the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer finds:

A. A Correction Notice was issued on April 14, 2010 for removal of trash and debris from rear porch, store garbage in cans with tight lids. This Citation was issued on May 3, 2010.

B. Photographs in the file show at least three garbage cans overflowing with bagged garbage and no lids. Photographs show piles of junk and trash on the elevated rear porch. Re-inspection on May 18, 2010 found no improvement, with three or four garbage cans overflowing with bagged garbage and no lids, and junk and trash still visible on the rear porch. This violates prohibitions against the accumulation of junk, trash and debris on residential property, and prohibitions against creation of possible harborage for rats. BCC Section 13-4-201, Section 13-7-309, Section 13-7-310.

IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the civil penalty will be REDUCED to \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) if the violations are corrected by June 16, 2010.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if not paid within thirty days of billing, the civil penalty, as authorized above, shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2010

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED  
Margaret Z. Ferguson  
Baltimore County Hearing Officer